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GHS GT Scores Announced for Houston County Schools

HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – The Georgia High School Graduation Test was given March 14-18, 2011. Houston County juniors continue to outperform their peers across the state on the Georgia High School Graduation Test (GHS GT). In order to graduate, the Georgia Department of Education requires students to pass all four GHS GT content areas - English language arts, mathematics, social studies and science - as well as the Georgia High School Graduation Writing Test.

Houston County students performed above the state average in every content area. Of eleventh-graders who tested for the first time: 92 percent passed the English language arts section; 88 percent passed math; 84 percent passed social studies; and 95 percent passed science. Across Georgia, students tested for the first time on the new math curriculum.

Superintendent Dr. Robin Hines commented, “Our juniors did a great job and I am proud of all of them! This year’s math test was far more challenging due to a different, much more rigorous Georgia math curriculum, yet our students stepped up to the challenge and made us proud. Congratulations to all of our schools, students and their parents.”

A total of 2,127 students tested during the week. The test scores represent all eleventh-grade, first-time test takers for both regular program and special needs students. The percentage of those who passed the 2011 and 2010 GHS GT are shown by subject for each high school, the system, RESA and state.

	2011 GHS GT				2010 GHS GT			
	ELA	Math	SS	SCI	ELA	Math	SS	SCI
HCCA	92	92	83	100	100	100	85	95
HCHS	95	95	89	98	96	97	87	96
NHS	91	87	78	95	93	94	78	92
PHS	92	83	83	94	90	93	88	92
VHS	96	89	90	98	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
WRHS	89	87	81	93	90	93	81	92
System	92	88	84	95	92	94	83	93
RESA	89	80	74	90	88	89	73	86
State	91	84	80	93	90	91	78	90

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